

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 955

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor the Hunter Museum of American Art on the occasion of its seventieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to commend those exemplary institutions that, through an abiding commitment to excellence, foster an appreciation of art in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable institution is the Hunter Museum of American Art, which is celebrating its seventieth anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, sitting high on the banks of the Tennessee River, the Hunter Museum of American Art is one of Chattanooga's most iconic landmarks; for decades, the Hunter Museum has worked to preserve and showcase American art by collecting exceptional works that both honor artistic movements and reimagine how art can change the world; and

WHEREAS, the Hunter Museum will celebrate its seventieth anniversary with a yearlong focus on collecting—showcasing works acquired throughout the museum's history as well as collections from other institutions and private collectors; and

WHEREAS, since the Hunter Museum of American Art first opened its doors on July 12, 1952, as the George Thomas Hunter Gallery, the museum has been central to Chattanooga's cultural life; and

WHEREAS, while the Hunter Museum originally had no permanent collection of its own, through the support of a very generous community, the museum slowly and deliberately acquired an impressive collection of artwork over the years; and

WHEREAS, today, the museum's collection has grown to consist of some 3,000 significant works of art, spanning from the colonial period to present day and covering a wide variety of media, including painting, sculpture, contemporary studio glass, and crafts; and

WHEREAS, the museum also hosts a schedule of touring exhibitions of some of the most engaging and inspiring artworks to be seen at any venue in the country; and

WHEREAS, for seventy years, the Hunter Museum of American Art has enriched the lives of the Chattanooga community through its exceptional collection of American art, varied exhibitions, and dynamic programs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the Hunter Museum of American Art on the occasion of its seventieth anniversary, commend its administration and staff for their meritorious service to the good people of Tennessee, and extend to them our warmest wishes for many years of continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.